



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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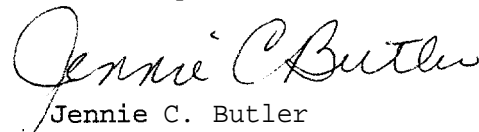
Charles "Chip" Schmelz
Therma-Wave
1250 Reliance Way
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Dear Mr. Schmelz:

Your request to the Food and Drug Administration for a variance from the requirements for purchasing & servicing information was received by this office on 11/24/99. It was assigned docket number 99V-5156/VAR 1 and it was filed on 11/29/99. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,


Jennie C. Butler
Dockets Management Branch

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